2. On May 2, our chief spokeswoman, Janet Parshall, went to New York for a debate sponsored by the Freedom Forum on the role of faith-based organizations in politics and public services. Janet squared off against some among even our Christian allies who seem to be calling for us to abandon the task of persuading government to act for the family and moral values.
3. That same week staff members Jennifer Marshall and Laura McGee worked with key senators on needed amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization. We are striving especially hard to avert new "hate crimes" legislation and a plan proposed by Sen. James Jeffords (R) of Vermont to begin a new $7 billion expansion of child care services.
4. Our government relations team, led by Hill veteran Marty Dannenfelser, worked with the Senate leadership on a new strategy to win adoption of major marriage penalty relief. FRC succeeded in convincing congressional leaders to move a stand-alone marriage tax bill that would be politically difficult to oppose. Even so, we were unable to win cloture votes in the Senate on this bill, and we are now seeking to add this relief to a must-pass budget bill. We are excited about our chances with this new initiative.
5. Our director of state and local affairs, Michael Bowman, helped focus grassroots fire in Illinois and other states where key pro-family ideas are pending. In Illinois, the issue was a cut-off of state funding for abortions that had reached the desk of Gov. George Ryan. FRC is bringing new energy to the battle for pro-family public policy in the 50 states.

I could go on. This list omits the dozens of other radio and TV appearances FRC has made in recent weeks, from calling for the resignation of Janet Reno, to opposing the assignment of women to combat roles on U.S. submarines, to defending traditional marriage at a nationally broadcast forum of the World Media Association.

The summer months are upon us, and as you may know, the resources of organizations like ours are often severely tested at this time of year. The demands on FRC will not decrease in the months ahead, even as those who support us turn, as we hope they will, to the enjoyment of time with family and friends.

Because of this, I ask you, after you have met your primary responsibilities, to consider making an especially generous gift to FRC while the issues we address are front and center on the national stage. You are helping us to make a daily difference in the nation's capital. I know that my requests for financial support have been many of late, but it is because of real need. Please, while you have this letter in hand, be as generous as you can.

May God bless you and your family with a safe and joyous summer.

Sincerely,

Chuck Donovan

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Executive Vice President and
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. This is a lengthy letter, but it doesn't cover even half of the major issues FRC is addressing on your behalf. Please consider remaining active in these efforts this month by sending your prayers and as strong a financial contribution as you can. FRC cannot afford to be weak now. Thank you again.

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